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Plenty of Events, Arts and Fun At 10th Annual Valley Street Fair

Members of the S.F. Police Department's Lion Dance Team tumbled and rolled to beating drums in a thrilling May 21 performance at the Visitacion Valley Street Fair.

There was something for everyone at the tenth annual Visitacion Valley Street Fair and Art Show at the Community Center May 21 where good food, great fun and a few surprises were in store for those in attendance.

Under a clear, blue sunny sky, fairgoers again lined-up for the Ferris wheel and carousel, took their chances on the Wheel of Fortune, tossed ping-pong balls in hopes of winning guppies, and tried their luck at an animal toss.

In the midst of the amusement was a spinning, twirling contraption known as the Gyro Ride, a dizzy, yet safe venture popular with those desiring to get their feet off the ground. Meanwhile, many a youth were nearly content in jumping themseves to satisfaction in an adjacent, inflated bounce house.

There were stands selling candy, pins, colorful caps and tee-shirts, and booths distributing literature from the S.F. Library, the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT), and even a Daly City chiropractic office, whose attendants gladly evaluated anybody's posture on an imposing device.

Artist Lai-Chu Lo, now teaching art classes at the Community Center, proudly displayed a selection of her hand-painted drawings in a special exhibit.

Plenty of good food was on hand - from chicken, links, nachos and spaghetti, to catfish and snapper.

Live entertainment was provided by members of the Visitacion Valley Middle School Spirit Team, performing a number of their popular dances, and the S.F. Police Department's Lion Dance Team, whose feline antics climbed, swooped, tumbled and rolled to a pulsating beat of drums.

Many fine pieces of art - some amply awarded for their creators' hard work with coveted prize ribbons - were on display at the Art Show in the VVCC ballroom, judged in four categories.

"I can't believe it!" exclaimed Madge de Hertel as her fine statuary titled "Friends of the Forest" received first prize in the Ceramic division.

"I'm so thrilled!" responded Pat Crocker to her paper mache cat "Trixie" being awarded second prize for Sculpture.

Other entries included Al Macari's interesting beverage can art, Woon-Kwan Ng's captivating paintings, an elegant cityscape made entirely of recycled materials, and dozens of competitive entries submitted by aspiring young artists in the Youth field.

More Street Fair Pictures and a list of Art Show winners are on Page 3.

Valley Library Offering Prizes in Reading Program

With the 1994 theme "Reading is a Magic Trip," S.F. Public Library's Summer Reading Program for children up to age 13 will begin Saturday, June 18, citywide in all of the branches and the Main Library. Each child will receive a prize upon signing with the eight week program, another prize after reading 2, 4 and 6 books and a grand prize after finishing eight books - choice of a paperback book, two Giants tickets, or two passes to either the Morrison Planetarium or Discovery Museum. Children are encouraged to sign early to get their eight books read.

Visitacion Valley Branch, located at 45 Leland Ave., is open from 1 to 5 p.m. each Saturday for "Family Saturday," a program started this year through Children Amendment funding that enables working parents and their children to spend time together at the library. Beginning its reading program with a craft class conducted by Marie Brown on June 18, children can come to the library, sign-up for the reading program and have fun making a craft they can take home.

NEW BOOKS

Books of interest to graduating seniors embarking on a job search include: "1994, What Color is Your Parachute?" by Richard Bolles; "San Francisco Bay Area Job Bank 1994: the Job Hunters Guide to the Bay Area;" "Job Getter's Bible" by Tom Haire; "Women's Job Search Handbook" by Gerri Bloomberg and Margaret Holden; and "Petersen's Job Opportunities in Business, 1994."

New children's books include: the "Visual Geography" series from Lerner Publications, Minneapolis, with the countries of Ghana, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Canada, Haiti and Zaire; and books on Arkansas and California in the "America the Beautiful" series from Children's Press, Chicago.

MLK Pool Reopens As Coffman Closes

Both Mayor Frank Jordan and Senator Dianne Feinstein are scheduled guests in June 4 reopening festivities, 11 a.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Pool on Third St. at Carroll Ave. Regular pool hours commence June 18. Call 822-5707 for scheduled times.

Coffman Pool at Visitacion Ave. and Hahn St. will close for the summer on June 17.

S.F. Public Library Now Has Expanded Telephone Reference

San Francisco Main Library has expanded its ready reference telephone service to include longer hours, additional telephone lines, and an additional bilingual staff in a Telephone Information Program (TIP) provided by a generous, private donation.

TIP service hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with an expected extension to 9 p.m. in the near future. Funding to purchase additional books and reference materials for the center was also included in the donation.

"Improving the community's access to the Library's vast collections and resources is a long term, cherished goal," explained City Librarian Kenneth Dowlin. "Although telephone reference has been available during Main Library open hours, this new program will significantly enhance this service."

Initially, telephone referernce will be available in English, Spanish and Cantonese; the program will eventually expand to incude a translation service, whereby questions can be asked and answered in 144 languages during TIP hours.

For more information, call 557-4400.

Protection Pact a Lifesaver for S.F. Pets

No longer will any adoptable City cat or dog surrendered to an animal shelter in San Francisco be euthanized. On April 1, San Francisco bocamethe first city and county in the nation to guarantee a home for every healthy canine and feline with the ADOPT-ion (Animals Deserve Our Protection Today) Pact.

Forged between the contributor-supported S.F. SPCA and the S.F. Department of Animal Care and Control (SF/DACC), the pact assures that homeless pets who can be safely adopted - whether turned in by their owners to a shelter or brought in as strays - will no longer be euthanized.

Besides providing for every adoptable animal, the SF/SPCA has also raised a protective umbrella over thousands of other homeless pets. With the ADOPTion Pact, the Society has pledged to rehabilitate dogs and cats who, because of behavior or health problems, would otherwise be euthanized. This group of "treatable" cats and dogs with such problems as infectious conditions, unsocialized behavior or medical ailments requiring surgery will be given a second chance at life through medical care or behavior training, and then placed in suitable homes through the SF/SPCA adoption program. With the implementation of the ADOPTion Pact, the SF/SPCA

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Four Local Anti-Violence Groups Receive S.F. Foundation Grants

Four local programs aimed at preventing violence, including one based in the Sunnydale Housing Development, were recently awarded a total of $35,000 in grants from the San Francisco Public Health Foundaton (SFPHF).

Sunnydale's Girls After School Academy will receive a $7,500 in-kind contribution to conduct a multi-faceted violence prevention program targeted for young female residents. Other recipients include a program to bring together senior citizens and youth living in the Tenderloin to reduce their fear and isolation, and one that will hire and train youth leaders to address violence in the City's southern communities. A violence prevention project at S.F. General Hospital also will be funded.

SFPHF's mission is to provide resources to the City's public health community to assist in it delivering the best quality health care in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

Grants were announced by S.F. Supervisor Susan Leal and foundation officials during Violence Awareness Prevention Day at S.F. General.

"It is particularly appropriate that we are recognizing these projects during Violence Prevention Week," said Supervisor Leal. "Grassroots programs like these are essential if San Francisco is to significantly reduce crime and violence."

Representatives of the recipient agencies also attended the announcement, held during an educational fair organized by the SFGH Violence Task Force in the hospital's main lobby. More than 40 community organizations were on hand to share information on their violence prevention programs.

Girls After School Academy in Sunnydale will deal with the many different forms of violence taking in the public housing project by sponsoring classes, interactive coursework, discussion groups and grassroots organizing, with the foundation providing discussion leaders and class speakers, and setting up field trips.

North of Market Senior Services will receive a $10,000 cash grant to increase mutual understanding among the Tenderloin's elderly and youth residents, strengthen their sense of community and empower both groups to reduce neighborhood violence. This program will bring together the agency's clients and those of several organizations serving youth in the crime-infested neighborhood: the Central YMCA, the Tenderloin Recreation Center and the Larkin Street Youth Center. Together, the groups will work on a common goal, building a sense of mutual respect and friendship to eliminate victimization by violence.

Bayview - Hunters Point Foundation's Critical Incident Response Team will receive a $7,500 in-kind contribution to reduce violence in the Bayview - Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley - Sunnydale and Oceanview - Merced Heights - Ingleside (OMI) districts. Called Prevention and Leadership Alternatives for Youth (PLAY), the project will hire and train six youth leaders to organize the communities and change neighborhood conditions contributing to violence, educate on violence prevention through community outreach and the news media, and develop a youth-run business. Workshops and seminars will be conducted for the youth leaders by the foundation, which will also provide mentors.

S.F. General's Violence Prevention and Intervention Services will receive a $10,000 cash grant to develop a resource directory for health care, social service, education, community-based agencies and law enforcement officials. Containing information on available programs addressing violent crime as well as resources and services for violence victims and perpetrators, it also will include data on prevention programs aimed at youth, the elderly, women and hate crimes.

Grants were awarded from proposals submitted by more than 20 community agencies and Department of Public Health programs targeting violence prevention.

Funding will come from Casino Night '94, a benefit sponsored by the foundation to be held this fall featuring celebrity dealers from the Bay Area's government, sports, media, business, arts and entertainment communities.

Rebates for Some Seniors and Disabled

An estimated 150,000 elderly and disabled California homeowners and renters are eligible for rebates through the annual Homeowners and Renters Assistance Program, according to the Franchise Tax Board.

To qualify, claimants must be at least 62 years old, or be blind or totally disabled as of December 31, 1993 and have $13,200 or less in total household income in 1993. Homeowners can receive from four to 96 percent of the property tax they paid on the first $34,000 assessed value of their home. Renters can receive assistance ranging from $10 to $240.

The filing season began May 16, and will run through August 31. Claimants who have filed in the past two years are advised to wait until they receive their labeled forms before filing. Forms are currently mailing, but rebates will not be sent until the 1994/95 state budget is passed.

To make filing easier, more than 450 volunteer sites are available to explain qualifying requirements and help with the preparation of forms. The location and hours of the nearest site can be obtained by calling the nearest senior and referral center.

Pitching in with 12 types of recyclables are pitcher John Burkett, shortstop Royce Clayton, and children from Columbia Park Boys Club, the Mission YMCA and Bayview/Hunters Point Youth Services.

S.F. Recycling Team and Giants Team For Neighborhood Recycling Effort

In a unique public-private collaboration, the City's Recycling program and the San Francisco Giants have announced a summer outreach effort which will alow residents in the southern part of the City to earn Giants tickets by recycling. "Twelve Weeks of Recycling" focuses on the 12 items that can be recycled through the curbside and apartment recycling programs in San Francisco, including: junk mail, cardboard boxes, office paper, cereal and other dry food boxes, phone books, magazines and catalogs, paper bags, newspapers, glass jars and bottles, tin/steel cans, plastic two-liter soda bottles and aluminum cans.

Through August 31, residents in Visitacion Valley, Little Hollywood, Bayview, Hunters Point, Mission, Excelsior and Ingleside neighborhoods

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CITY HALL DECLARES:
Pedestrian and Traffic Safety a Priority

By City Attorney
Louise H. Renne

Statistics are startling! In San Francisco last year, 26 pedestrians were killed, and nearly 1,000 were injured in motor vehicle accidents. Many more pedestrians just barely escaped injury as they were crossing the street.

Although all age groups are at risk, the probability of death or injury is greatest for those pedestrians who are over 65. Children are also at particular risk for pedestrian injuries. Among children who are hospitalized for motor vehicle related injury, more are pedestrians than occupants of vehicles.

Because of concern for the safety of seniors and children, Senior Action Network (SAN), a federation of 106 organizations that represent more than 20,000 San Francisco senior citizens, and a number of us at City Hall are working together to make the streets of San Francisco more "pedestrian friendly."

We recognize that pedestrian injury prevention is important to public safety in any community. However, in San Francisco special traffic risks exist as a result of numerous streets that cross diagonally and poor visibility of intersections at hill slopes. By forming a coalition of local, state and private organizations here in San Francisco, SAN initiated the development of strategies to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in San francisco.

This coalition is focusing on such critical areas as: enforcement of the traffic laws; traffic engineering and equipment improvements (upgrading traffic signals) and public education that reminds drivers of the danger of running a red light

We also know that traffic and pedestrian safety improvements in our neighborhoods carry a price tag. The cost to upgrade traffic signals alone is estimated to cost as much as $200 million. Thus, the City and SAN asked Senator Milton Marks to carry legislation that would provide San Francisco with the necessary authority to establish a penalty assessment on traffic citations for those who run red lights and earmark the revenue for local traffic safety improvements.

The red light violation is particularly important, as it is the cause of many unnecessary pedestrian injuries. If San Francisco establishes a penalty assessment, the revenue collected would be restricted to traffic measures that are developed with community input, and that can be shown to contribute to traffic safety.

Such measures may include upgrading traffic signals that regulate right turns on red lights. This type of signal is operating at Fourth and Folsom Sts. near the Mendelsohn House senior housing. The City is monitoring the number of accidents and injuries occuring at this intersection to evaluate the effectiveness of the signal in reducing pedestrian injuries and motor vehicle accidents.

There are more than 25 senior centers that provide meal and community services. Perhaps, extended-time push-button crossing lights at intersections in the area of these senior centers would help other pedestrians to cross the street without being stranded in the middle of traffic.

Crossing guards near schools, parks and recreation areas also would help in the prevention of pedestrian injury of seniors, as well as children.

Lastly, all pedestrians would benefit if intersections were more visible to drivers, particularly on hill streets. High visability signage and traffic signals may alert drivers as they approach intersections, resulting in fewer surprises at the top and bottom of steep streets. Our priority is to make crossing intersections safer for pedestrians and drivers, while keeping the traffic flow moving.

I have been happy to participate in this undertaking to make our streets safer and congratulate SAN and Senator Marks for all their hard work in helping the City to take action on this important problem. If you have any suggestions to improve pedestrian/driver safety, please send them to: Office of City Attorney, Room 206, City Hall, San Francisco, CA 94102, Attention: Pedestrian Safety/MJS.

Free Brochure Available for Expectant Fathers

Many people think that a man's contribution to making babies begins and ends at the moment of conception, but there is increasing evidence that suggests fathers have a larger impact on the health and birth of their unborn babies.

During Father's Day, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation will focus on the man's role in the health of his pregnant partner and their baby.

This national health education campaign, "Men ave Babies Too," breaks with the traditional view of pregnancy as solely the woman's responsibility.

"Fathers-to-be are taking a more active and supporting role in their partner's pregnancy," said Tracy Trotter, M.D., Danville pediatrician and chairman of the Health Professional Advisory Committee of the Greater Bay Area Chapter of March of Dimes. "They can be a positive influence on their partners during pregnancy and on the subsequent health of their babies."

Two educational brochures, "Men Have Babies Too: A Guide for Fathers-to-be" and "Dad, It's Your Baby Too" offer tips to men on positive steps they can take to help their partners have a healthy baby. Both brochures answer questions that men commonly ask, such as: "Can our unborn baby be harmed if my wife inhales second-hand smoke from my cigarettes?" and "How can I feel more part of the birth process?" Both brochures are available free by calling the March of Dimes at 788-2202.

Also featured in the educational campaign are television public service announcements that dramatize the consequences of an expectant father's smoking, drinking and drug use and other stress-causing behaviors around his pregnant partner.

March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Through its campaign for healthier Babies, March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum

Limited Saturday classes in June are available at the Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, starting at 1 p.m. with sign-ups beginning 30 minutes earlier.

Parking is free and children under eight should be accompanied by an adult. Call 554-9600 for more information.

June 4: Aluminum Frames ($4) - Embross original designs into aluminum tooling foil. Wrap it around precut mat board in bookbinding style to produce metal picture frames.

June 11: Freeform Sculpture ($3) - Choose odd-shaped pieces of wood and hot glue them together to create wooden sculptures

June 18: Super Sarcophagi ($4) - Ancient Egyptians carefully preserved mummies in decorative protective coverings called Sarcophagi in order to provide a vehicle for the soul to be transformed to travel to heaven. Look at pictures from Egyptian tombs. Make your own sarcophagi with personal symbols and drawings.

June 25: Tee Shirt Screening ($4) - Use hand-held "mini screens" to silk screen personalized tee shirts. Bring a 100 percent cotton tee shirt or buy one at the class for $4.

Also on Saturdays: Drop-in Family Ceramics Workshop at 10 a.m. and a free Animal Talk at 2:15 p.m. A model railroad exhibit is open every second and fourth Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Neighborhood Recycling Program

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can enter the drawing for a pair of Giants tickets by filling out "Go to Bat for Recycling" cards each time they recycle. Recycling cards will be available in neighborhood recreation and community centers, libraries and some grocery stores. The Giants have donated 1,000 tickets to their September 16 game against the Houston Astros.

"We support recycling at Candlestick and throughout San Francisco," said Giants managing general partner Peter Magowan. During the Twelve Weeks of Recycling, we urge all our fans to pitch in and recycle at Candlestick."

In addition to recycling office paper in the executive offices, the Giants have set up recycling bins in parking lots for tailgaters to use for bottles and cans.

This public outreach effort is part of the City's comprehensive response to a recent market research study conducted for the S.F. Recycling Program. It showed that San Franciscans are doing well on recycling, but must continue to improve their recycling habits for the City to meet the state mandate to reduce waste by 50 percent by the year 2000.

Statistics in the study show:

* San Francisco's residents remain in the top rank of California cities recycling solid waste.

According to a telephone survey of 600 randomly selected San Francisco residents, 72 percent recycled on a regular basis.

*Most often recycled materials are newspapers (recycled by 94 percent of the participants, glass (89 percent) and aluminum cans (86 percent). Least recycled materials are white paper (62 percent) and tin/steel cans (69 percent). More than half of the respondents said they were currently able to recycle everything they would like to recycle, although 22 percent said they would like to be able to recycle plastics, while two percent would like curbside pickup of clothing and used motor oil.

*Seventeen percent of residents use buyback centers found in supermarkets and 14 percent use drop-off centers such as the ones operated by Richmond Environmental Action and the Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council.

*Significantly, the study revealed a high level of understanding and support for "closing the recycling loop." Sixty percent of respondents felt it was very important that packages be made from materials that can be recycled, while 50 percent considered it very important that packages be made from recycled material and 44 percent though it very important that items be made from recycled materials.

According to Sharon Maves, manager of the S.F. Recycling Program, "This type of thinking is essential to the long term success of the City's and state's recycling goals. In order to succeed, we need to build markets for collected recyclables. Increasing public demand for recycled materials and packaging greatly strengthens those markets."

While the survey results were encouraging, they also identified targets and tactics to improve the City's recycling programs. For example, 64 percent of residents have done nothing to reduce the amount of material they have thrown away in the last six months. Only seven percent say they are now buying in bulk and five percent are reusing containers and bags to cut down on garbage.

"We're two-thirds of the way toward our 50 percent waste reduction goal now," said Maves. "Given the support identified in the survey plus targets for improving recycling performance, we belive San Francisco will be among the leaders in achieving full compliance."

For more information on the ticket program, can 554-6193.

Book Review

REGULATING RISK

For many Americans, the term "risk" is a four-letter word for worry. Fueled by mixed messages and an erosion of trust in government, the general public has become increasingly frustrated in risk management and decision making, according to Thomas Burke, assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

"Regulating Risk: The Science and Politics of Risk" is a new easy-reading paperback that addresses important issues in risk management and social policy. The book condenses presentations from the 1991 conference sponsored by the National Safety Council and the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Risk Science Institute, with provocative essays from public advocates, government officials, journalists, scientists and business representatives.

Though the viewpoints on risk management vary widely, one common theme emerges: the current approach to risk decision making must be improved.

"Effective risk regulation must be responsive to public values, include a commitment to communication, and integrate scientific, social and economic concerns while still protecting public health," explained Burke, the book's principal editor. "Unfortunately, current approaches to risk management have fallen short of this goal."

Fred Shank, director of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, points out how certain aspects of risk regulation have led to inconsistencies in food risk management. Under the Delaney clause of the Food Additives Amendment, FDA proposed banning the food additive saccharin, while the more potent cancer-causing substance aflatoxin was not subject to the same regulation because it occurs naturally in the environment.

In the book's final chapter, Burke proposes a new paradigm to improve risk management - dubbed the "six-chair" approach - allowing the decision maker to recieve multidisciplinary input from a legal expert, public advocate, political advisor, communications specialist, budget expert and health scientist.

"Regulating Risk" is available for $20, plus $4 shipping and handling from ILSI Press, 1126 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or by calling 1-800-538-9601.

Five Years Ago In the Grapevine

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*Allan Ngai, an eighth-grader at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Middle School, was accepted with a scholarship to the prestigious Phillips Exter Academy in New Hampshire.

*Personnel and partners of the law firm Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison began working with MLK faculty and parents to assist the school in delivering quality education to the students.

*Visitacion Valey Community Center was commissioned as a Navy League Cadet Training Ship, an interesting program for youth aged 11 to 15, recruited by Petty Officer Jimmy Rebossio. Following a week-long boot camp training, they visited naval ships and stations, learning military methods and procedures.

*San Francisco released a Hazardous Waste Management Plan proposing an area of Visitacion Valley be used as a toxic waste dump and storage depot for industrial hazardous wastes from around the City.

*Visitacion Valley's newest mural, located on the VVCC playground retaining wall, was unveiled at the May 20 Street Fair.

*Winning second place honors in the Visitacion Valley Parade, the Pioneer Squares square-dancers also entertained at the Street Fair later that day.

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GET IT.
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Check it out! San Francisco residents in Visitacion Valley, OMI, Bayview Hunters Point, Excelsior and Mission neighborhoods can earn a chance for a pair of tickets to a Giants game just by recycling through the curbside and apartment recycling programs.

From June 1st through August 31st, each time you recycle turn in a Giants recycling card. That gives you up to 12 chances to win Giants recycling tickets! For more information, call 554-6193. Giants recycling cards are available at:

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Ocean View Recreation Center
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387 Ashton
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200 Middle Point Rd.
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Youngblood Coleman
Recreation Center
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Mission Neighborhood Center
362 Capp
Good Samaritan Family
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450 Guerrero St
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Valencia South Head Start
675 Valencia St
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3200 20th St
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421 Bartlett
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San Francisco
RECYCLING
PROGRAM

THAT'S THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS TICKET, RECYCLE!

Alaskan Sea Otters Again in Danger

By Betsy Swart

Since the 18th century, sea otters have been hunted and killed for their fur. Once nearly wiped out, they struggled back from the brink of destruction. But surviving sea otter colonies now have to fight for their lives.

Otters around southeast Alaska were facing overwhelming odds, as Russian and American trappers nearly decimated them a century ago. They are now the target of modern hunters looking to make big bucks in selling their skins and body parts to the burgeoning Asian market. And some Alaskan Natives who are taking crucuial advantage of an exception in the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) hope to capitalize on the sale of otter pelts and body parts.

HISTORY OF ABUSE

Russian fur traders in the late 18th and early 19th centuries began the decimation of the Alaskan otters. American trappers followed close behind, slaughtering otters until 1911, when the International Fur Seal Treaty banned the killing. Unfortunately, it was almost too late.

Otters had once ranged from Mexico to Canada and along the Pacific coasts of Russia, Alaska and Japan. But by 1911, they were reduced to 13 small colonies, two of which became extinct shortly thereafter.

Sea otter colonies have been trying in vain yo recover ever since. And nowhere are the odds more alarmingly against them than in Alaska, where they face threats from three main fronts: the commercial fishing industry; the state of Alaska; and Native hunters.

Neither the fishing industry or Alaska want to see otters return to their natural habitats, as both view them as a "competitor" to the state's big-buck shellfish industry. Just as Alaskan officials use wolf control to benefit sport hunters, the state has been discssing sea otter control to benefit shellfish fishermen.

But by far the most imminent threat to Alaska's sea otters is coming from the Alaska Natives. When the Marine Mammal Protection Act was passed in 1972 placing a moratorium on the killing of marine mammals - including sea otters - in the United States, it also placed a moratorium on importation of marine mammal parts from other countries. But Alaskan Natives were granted an "exception" to the moratorium so they could continue killing marine mammals, both for subsistence purposes and to make native artifacts and clothing.

Unfortunately, wording in the MMPA is full of ambiguities and loopholes. Originally, the exception for natives was intended to allow their continued traditional cultural needs. It was neither intended to allow natives slaughtering animals indiscriminately nor their cultivation of new commercial markets.

Between 1974 and 1989, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) passed a

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Street Fair Festivities

An audience gathered to watch splendid performances by the S.F. Police Department and Visitacion Valley Middle School.

Popular was the Gyro Ride...

...and the ever-spinning Ferris Wheel.

Artist Lai-Chu Lo displayed a number of her unique hand-drawn pictures in a special display.

Dazzling paintings were on display at the Art Show...

...including this top-prize winner by Jeanette L. Champagne.

Visitacion Valley Middle School's "Spirit Team" demonstrated lively dance steps at the Street Fair.

ART SHOW AWARDS

Following are entries awarded at the May 21 Street Fair Art Show:

PAINTING

First Prize: Jeanette L. Champagne - "Happy Father's Day 1981" watercolor; Second Prize: Lai-Chu Lo - "Living on the Hill" watercolor; Third Prize: Ida Doninelli - "Country Side" oil; and Honorable Mention: Jeanette L. Champagne - "Two Children" oil.

SCULPTURE

First Prize: Al Macari - "Garbage Truck" tin cans; Second Prize: Pat Crooker - "Trixie" papier mache cat; Third Prize: Leonora Jackson - "Mamma and Her Three Little Kittens" fabric sculpture; and Honorable Mention: Toni Longa - "Colored Corn and Ombre Ribbon."

CRAFTS

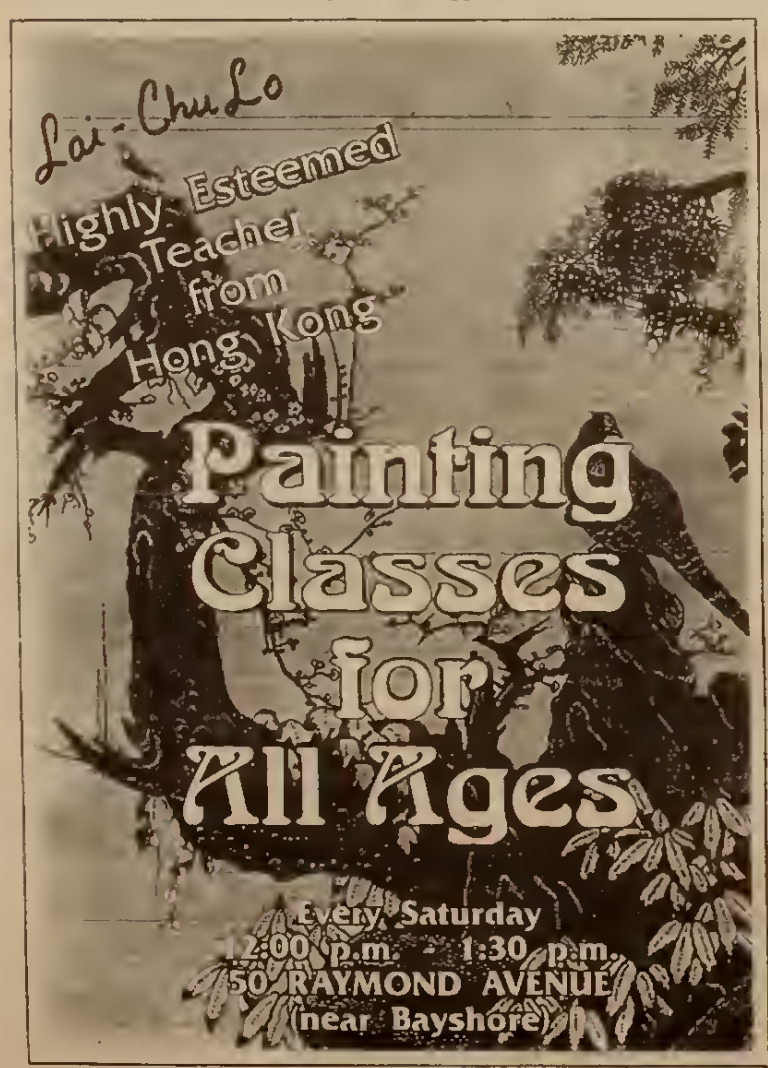
First Prize: Marge De Hertel - "Friends in the Forest" statuary; Second Prize: Emma Ho - "Fish Bowl;" Third Prize: Mary Baldwin - "Sgraffiti 'd Vase;" and Honorable Mention: Mary Baldwin - "Butterfly Vase."

YOUTH ART

First Prize: Saliem Abdol - "S.F. Bay;" Second Prize: Junior Gack and Kim Wood - "Collage;" Third Prize: Yon Miu Chi - "San Francisco;" and Honorable Mention: Joseph Champagne - "Lion."

Educational Booklet On Drugs and the Brain

A free 25-page educational booklet titled "Drugs and the Brain" depicts how various drugs affect the brain in explaining the addictive process. It's available by calling Chemical Awareness and Treatment Services (CATS) at 241-1199.



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Strange Happenings

By Gari Bage

Beginning this issue, Gari Bage presents his monthly installments of crackpot wit exclusively in the pages of the Visitacion Valley Grapevine.

VERTICAL PARANOIA

Excuse me, please! I just gotta get a few things off of my chest this month about: elevators - or "lifts" if you're from the other side of the world.

I mean, of all the things we've ridden in - or haven't ridden in, just about everybody has ridden in an elevator. There are good ones and bad ones; fast ones and slow ones; scenic ones with windows to look at breathtaking views and boring ones; and silent ones and a whole bunch that play that horrible stuff called: "elevator music" cha-cha-cha - classical renditions of your favorite pop hits - so you don't forget, order before midnight! Hey, I can't wait to finish what I'm doing at the end of this elevator ride so I can get back in for that trip to the lobby!

History says the very first elevator was installed in King Louis XV's private apartments in 1743 at the Palace of Versailles in France, just so His Highness wouldn't have to take that agonizing walk up a flight of stairs to "visit" his mistress on the second floor. There's just nothing like no exercise! Hey, conserve your energy for something better, right pal?

In the United States, the first manufacturer of passenger elevators was Elisha G. Otis - same name as that drunk guy Andy and Barney used to lock up in a Mayberry jail cell on the Andy Griffith Show - a five-story job installed for $300 on March 23, 1857 at the department store of E.V. Haughwout and Co., Broadway, New York. Less energy climbing stairs meant more brain power to make purchases or something. What a concept!

When I was a little kid, I'll never forget being a little scared watching the Three Stooges as bellboys at a fancy highrise hotel in an elevator shooting through the building's roof full blast with an escaped wolfman - the property of one of the guests - at the controls. Was that really possible? To go right through the roof? Every operator in every manual elevator posed a serious threat to me for quite some time after that. I mean, up and down, up and down, up and down! As Popeye used to say: "It's simply perpendicular, Olive. Simply perpendicular!"

Mad Magazine used to have these little bonuses in some of their special issues called "Mischief Stickers," and one said: "Elevator insurance on sale in the lobby." This kid with an evil grin was pictured sticking it next to the elevator door on the 89th floor of a building, which when read by a little old lady, was responsible for her decision to use the stairs.

And who can forget the nuclear explosive terrorists attached to one of the elevators of the Eiffel Tower in Superman II when Lois Lane took that thrilling free-falling ride before Superman slowed the thing down, saved her, and exploded the bomb in outer space, only to break open the Fortress of Solitude and released the imprisoned General Zod and his dangerous Kryptonian cronies?

Where were we? Oh, yeah! So these days, it seems the fastest and safest elevators are always in the tallest buildings. Hey, if you don't believe me, just high-tail it downtown and step into one. Hit the button - 40th floor - zoom - you're there - end of the line - everybody out - time actually went backwards! No, just kidding!

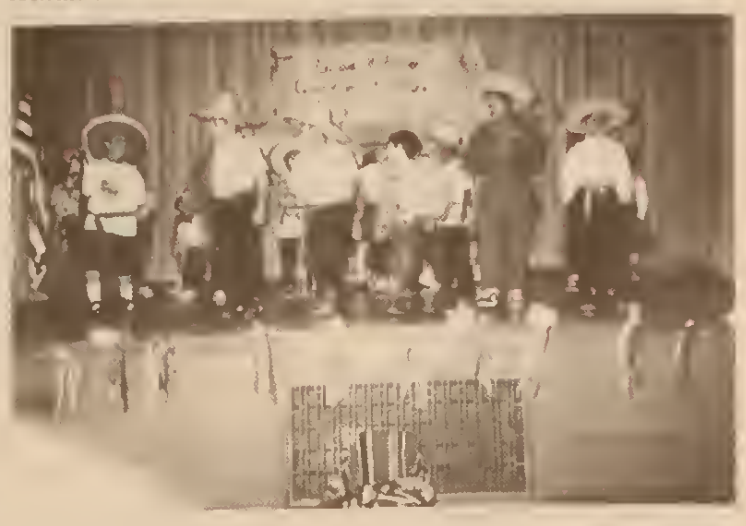
Then you have these goofy elevators in buildings that shouldn't even have them. Okay, I know that having things handicap accessible is necessary, but geez - I'd feel safer riding in that hand-operated crate they rigged up with vines that got the castaways to the cave high on the cliff in Mysterious Island - at least they knew where they were going.

One recent elevator I rode was truly amazing - literally the "greatest hits" of every Jerry Lewis or Don Knotts movie combined into one thrilling 10-foot ride. I got in, pushed the button, and then waited for about 45 seconds for the door to finally "ca-chung" like a vault. And then - oh, my goodness - the ever-fearful, sterotypical, cartoon sound effect ascension noise as the compartment shaked, rattled and rolled ever-so-slowly to its destination. After stopping with a thud, the door took an annoyingly-long 20 seconds to finally open. There! I got you to the second floor! You're welcome! Goodbye! I took the stairs down upon leaving - 10 seconds.

I once read somewhere thank elevator repairmen earn a really good living - and they most likely get to be the first one's to test the things when they're fixed. Hmmm, wonder if Super Dave is in town today? And as Droopy said in Roger Rabbit, "Watch your step, sir."

VVES Celebrates Carnaval of Flowers

Visitacion Valley Elementary School celebrated Latino, Filipino and Samoan cultures together May 19 in two assemblies both a belated Cinco de Mayo and early Filipino Independence Day celebration, smashing successes made possible through cooperation of school staff and the PTA that funded costumes.



Ms. Hale's 3rd and 4th graders performed a Mexican dance they choreographed themselves.

Students performed the colorful Filipino "umbrella dance," a festive hit taught by Mrs. Giles, VVES PTA president.

Several Samoan students performed a traditional dance from the Island, taught by VVES School Secretary Sharon Castillo.

National Park Service Events

Reservations needed for most activities.

JUNE 4

Baker Beach

*Seacoast Defense: Explore the military history of Battery Chamberlain and participate in a demonstration of the last six-inch disappearing rifle from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Meet the ranger at the gate to Battery Chamberlain at Baker Beach.

Presidio

*Park Patrol - 1895: Meet "Lieutenant Larry Gill" inspecting his gear before leaving to patrol Yosemite National Park in the year 1895. Find out about daily cavalry life on the Presidio and in the mountains from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Meet the cavalry trooper on the lawn outside the Presidio Army Museum (556-0865).

*Main Post Historical Walk: Join a walking tour of the Presidio covering more than 200 years of San Francisco history, architecture, cultural landscapes and natural history from 10 a.m. to noon by meeting the walk leader at the Presidio Main Post flagpole (556-0865).

JUNE 5

Fort Point

Pier Crabbing: Learn about equipment, bait, regulations and other important aspects of crabbing in the Bay, weather permitting, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Meet a park ranger at the Fort Point fishing pier with 50 cents bait fee (556-0865).

JUNE 11

Baker Beach

Junior Rangers: Become a Junior Ranger this summer! Enjoy an afternoon with the ranger and volunteers exploring the beach and surrounding area. Bring a picnic lunch and dress for the weather from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet Ranger Trinia Jackson at the Battery Chamberlain Gate, Baker Beach. Limited to 25 (556-3535).

Fort Mason Center

*Fort Mason Center Tour: Take a guided tour through this cultural and recreational facility where more than 50 arts, environmental and cultural groups utilize converted military warehouses for museums, theaters, galleries, classes and workshops. Meet at Fort Mason Center Offices, Building A at 11 a.m. (441-5706).

Presidio

*Mountain Lake to Fort Point Hike: Amble along the last three miles of Presidio founder Anza's route, sharing thoughts of history, weather permitting, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet Presidio docent Bob Halsey at Mountain Lake Park, returning by Muni 28 bus (556-0865).

Sutro Heights

*Sutro Heights Stroll: Join a walking tour of this splendid park, once the home of Adolph Sutro, from 2 to 3 p.m. Meet a ranger at the Lion's Gate, 48th and Point Lobos Aves. (556-8642).

JUNE 12

Presidio

*Presidio Cemetery Walk: San Francisco's National Cemetery is the final resting place of many famous and interesting people: pre-Civil War soldiers, a Union spy, an Indian scout and 34 Medal of Honor recipients. Dress warmly for a walk from 10:30 to noon, meeting the guide, weather permitting, at the entrance gate along Lincoln Blvd. at Sheridan Ave. (556-0865).

JUNE 18

Fort Funston

*Hike to the Bank Swallows: Observe and learn about the threatened California birds nesting in the cliffs of Fort Funston by taking a 1.5 mile strenuous hike through the sand dunes from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring water, binoculars, lunch and a bird book, and meet the ranger at the small parking lot at the intersection of John Muir Drive and Skyline Blvd. (556-8643).

Presidio

*A Walk on the Wild Side: The Presidio contains wonderful natural areas to explore. Learn about the plants, animals and geology of the San Francisco peninsula, weather permitting, from 10 a.m. to noon. Dress warmly (556-0865).

JUNE 19

Fort Point

*Pier Crabbing: (See June 5)

Ocean Beach

*Adopt-a-Beach Clean-Up Day: Bring friends and family to pitch in and help clean-up Ocean Beach. Participants receive a certificate of achievement after helping in three clean-up day programs. Bags are provided but bring gloves from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet a ranger at the Sloat parking lot at Sloat Blvd. and Great Highway (556-8642).

Sutro Heights

*Sutro History Walk: Take a morning stroll through the remains of Sutro Gardens and Sutro Baths from 10 a.m. to noon by meeting Ranger Trina Jackson at the Lion's Gate, 47th and Point Lobos Aves. (556-8642).

JUNE 24

Ocean Beach

*Beach Party Campfire: Join a ranger for an hour-long program to enjoy the beach, the waves and the night from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring warm sweaters and marshmallows. Meet the ranger on the beach at Lincoln Ave. and Great Highway.

JUNE 25

Crissy Field

*Adopt-a-Beach Clean-Up: Watch the "Lorax" movie, play nature games and then clean the beach at Crissy Field from 1 to 4 p.m. by meeting at the Fort Point Administration Building. Limited to 50 (556-3535).

Fort Mason Center

*Fort Mason Center Tour: (See June 11)

Presidio

*Main Post Historical Walk: (See June 4)

Protection Pact

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projects that by 1995, not even a treatable animal will die in San Francisco - euthanasia will be limited only to animals that can't be rehabilitated.

"The San Francisco SPCA is pledging to establish a precedent the humane community has ardently pursued since the first anti-pet overpopulation campign commenced in 1972," said Merritt Clifton, editor of Animal People, the national animal protection newspaper.

In 1989, the SF/SPCA relinquished its City contract to provide animal control services so that all the organization's resources could be dedicated to protecting and preserving life, although the City's DACC continued euthanizing animals. In 1993, the number of dogs and cats euthanized by DACC was 5,379, while the SF/SPCA euthanized 31 dogs and cats, none of whom could be rehabilitated.

"The DACC and the SF/SPCA share a common goal to save animals' lives, prevent animal suffering and eliminate animal abandonment," said Richard Avanzino, president of SF/SPCA. "One of the hopes of both organizations is that once the people of San Francisco realize that any adoptable dog or cat they surrender to either shelter will be kept safe from harm until a good home can be found, they won't be tempted to abandon unwanted pets on the city streets or in our parks."

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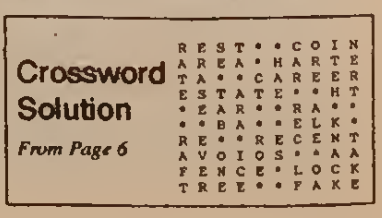


Peculiar Doings

*How about that instructor at a school in Chicago who was suspended for asking his students questions on a math test which included problems dealing with drugs and prostitution. Seems he wanted them to relate to their studies better by an association with things he felt the kids had been well informed - in sixth grade!

*Confidence is certainly booming in the writer who recently sold his very first script for $400,000. Aspiring scribblers, please take notice.

*And just how embarassed was a couple staying at a lodge in the Big Bend National Park in Texas when an employee entered their room - they were both unclothed and in bed - to invite them to a Christian service? Enough to sue the government!

*Speaking of unclothed, somebody finally had to streak a motorcade of the constantly-jogging President Clinton. Deep fry that!

*In other annoying habits, we have that woman up in Davis who was cited for violating the local noise ordinance by disturbing her duplex neighbor at night with her loud snoring. She stood up for herself at a hearing, and a judge dropped the case. Must have been a snorer, himself.

*Then there's the full-figured woman in Cookeville, Tennessee who's suing because she couldn't fit into a theater seat to watch Jurassic Park. In all fairness, someone at the movie house told her she could bring her own chair, but a picky manager stopped her and the seat to negate the deal.

*And an eighth-grade girl in Los Angeles sued her school so she could wear packaged condoms on her clothing. Ah, yes! Where are our priorities?

*In recent boo-boo news, a Santa Ana man was awarded $175,000 by a jury after a 1989 incident where he bit into his fast food chicken sandwich only to painfully discover an inch-long bone.

*How did one gun-control protester in Hartford, Connecticut show his displeasure with new legislation? Why, he chopped his trigger finger off! People with such a capacity owning guns, huh?

*One German tourist down in Miami was so angered by a gunman whom he had stopped to help in a three-car wreck, he wrestled the suspect to the ground and knocked away the weapon.

*And a posse in Visalia became outraged when the local sheriff wanted to place a woman member in their ranks. What year is this?

*Nice of the Chicago Zoo to send Zuri, the male giraffe down to New Zealand so the females there at Orana Park would have something to do besides walk around and stare.

*Up in Edenbridge, England, the owner of a month-old mongrel puppy mailed it back to the shelter with a note: "I can't manage. Sorry."

*Speaking of Britain, Queen Elizabeth II is no longer the country's richest person, as the honor now goes to two British-based Swedes who got rich on milk cartons. Sure did those bodies good!

*This coming after the burglary of Prince Charles' apartment in which tie pins and cuff links were stolen - yet more things he can't seem to keep together.

*Modest was Jeanne Calment of Arles, France, recently celebrating her 119th birthday to become the oldest person in the world and saying she was nothing special.

*Not so modest were the six women who entered three stores around Zwolle in the Netherlands and took off their tops to distract customers and employees while accomplices robbed the establishments.

*Over in Russia, the top economic advisor has warned the country must avoid low inflation, as tough monetary policies might suffocate their economy. About time for your own industrial revolution, Boris!

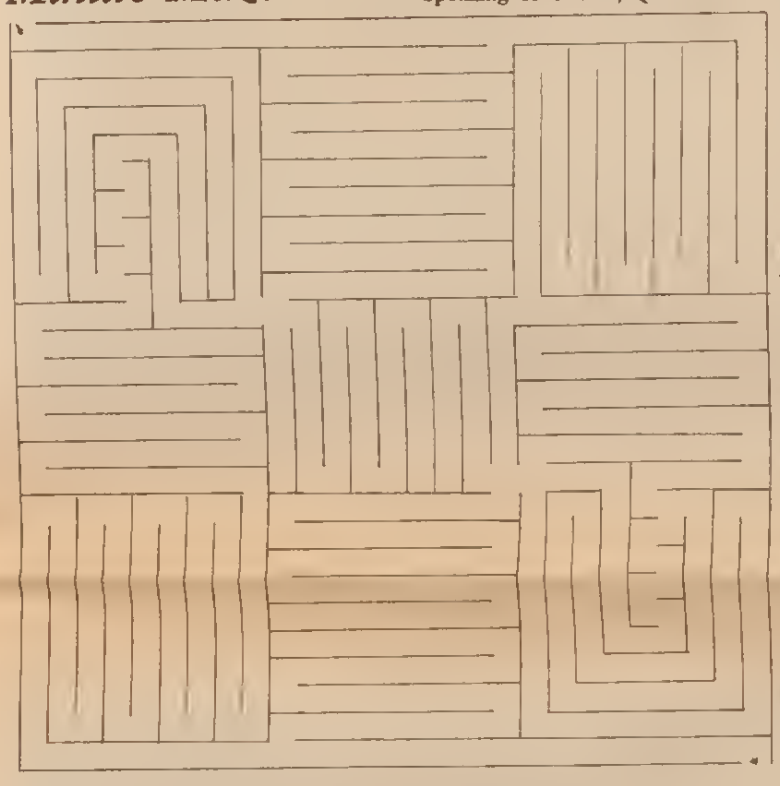
*And down below in Malaysia, 65 death row inmates have offered to donate their kidneys to a foundation in atoning for their sins.

*In New York, a former jail trusty was nailed on a grand larceny charge for stealing and selling a jail clothing receipt signed by the notorious Amy Fisher, a hot collectable fetching $605 at an auction.

*How about that fancy bus former Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan bought for his new team, the minor league Birmingham Barons. For $350,000 they get 35 reclining seats, six televisions, a VCR and a lounge with a bar. With those accomodations, you'd think the team would play better than .500 baseball!

*And finally, when a woman in a dinosaur costume at a drug store opening in Worcester, Massachusetts frantically asked a young man why she was being verbally and physically assaulted, he answered that his friends and he hated Barney.

Minute Maze



Juneteenth Celebration

Historically, Juneteenth marks the day slaves in Texas learned of their freedom. Understanding the freedom that education and economic development bring to all people. Visitacion Valley community has chosen Juneteenth to highlight its importance in a festive program of education, employment, health and activities Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Geneva Towers courtyard, 1001 Sunnydale Ave.

Sponsored by S.F. School Volunteers, Geneva Towers and the Visitacion Valley Family Support Center, featured speakers will include: Arthur Jackson, S.F. Supervisor Willie Kennedy and Anthony Lincoln.

Thank You, San Francisco Giants!

Rex, the Giants dinosaur, paid a visit to the students of "Little Vis" May 19 to talk about safety and health issues. Do you know why Rex, who is thousands of years old, is still alive and well? Because he doesn't eat junk food, plays safely and always crosses a street at the crosswalk after first looking both ways. Rex also brought 100 free Giants tickets to reward hard-working and most-improved children of Visitacion Valley Elementary School, who thank him for his generosity and helpful advice.

S.F. Shipyard Workshop

In cooperation with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the Department of City Planning, the Mayor's Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee is holding a public workshop on the preliminary alternatives for the reuse of Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, Thursday, June 2, at the Southeast Community Center Community Room, 1800 Oakdale Ave. from 6 to 8 p.m. For further information, contact Alan Loving of the S.F. Redevelopment Agency at 749-2576.

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This Month in S.F. History

JUNE

1: In 1850, the San Francisco Herald, started by Foy, Nugent & Co. became the City's second successful daily newspaper, entering the competition with the already established Alta California. In 1851, San Francisco's first organized transit service was established with horse-drawn omnibusses operating from the California Exchange to Mission Dolores. In 1878, American Speaking Telephone Company issued the City's first telephone books.

2: In 1873, construction commenced on Nob Hill for the Clay St. Railroad, the world's first cable railroad.

3: In 1913, Mayor James Rolph operated the last horse-drawn streetcar up Market St. from the Ferry Building to 8th St.

4: In 1932, Sigmund Stern Grove, adjacent to the City's Parkside district, was officially dedicated.

5: In 1875, the Pacific Stock Exchange first opened.

7: In 1860, contractors began laying the first streetcar tracks on Market St.

14: In 1850, a defective chimney at the Sacramento Bakery started an 8 a.m. fire which burned out of control and caused $5 million in damages.

15: In 1857, San Francisco Water Works, the City's first water company, was established.

22: In 1851, another fire started at 11 a.m. in a residence at Pacific Ave. and Powell St., causing $3 million in damages.

23: In 1923, Lt. Russell Maughan landed his plane at Crissy Field in the Presidio, completing the nation's first continental dawn-to-dusk flight.

26: In 1945, the two month-long United Nations Conference at the City's Civic Center came to an end.

29: In 1776, a mass celebrating the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul was said by Father Francisco Palou on the site of the future Misison Dolores. Father Palou traveled up the peninsula with a large group of settlers and was awaiting the Spanish supply ship San Carlos, traveling northward with provisions for the newly designated Presidio.

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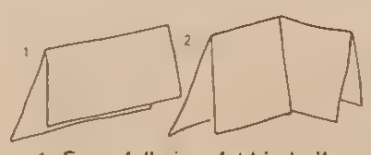
Painting Class at VVCC

Lai-Chu Lo, a highly-esteemed instructor from Hong Kong, will lend her expertise to a series of Saturday noontime painting classes for all ages at the Visitacion Valley Community Center, 50 Raymond Ave. Both she and her husband, Woon Kwan Ng, entered several elegant works, including one prize winner, in the recent street fair's Art Show May 21. Lo also exhibited many unique hand-printed drawings in a special outdoor booth.

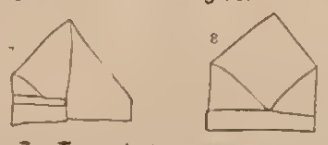
PAPER HATS



1. From full size, fold in half.
2. Fold or draw e center line to act as a guide for the next step.

3. Fold the top left corner down to the fold from Step 2.
4 Fold the top right corner the same way as Step 3.

5. The top sheet only of the bottom band is next folded only half so the edge of the sheet touches the triangles.
6. And then folded in half again over the triangles.



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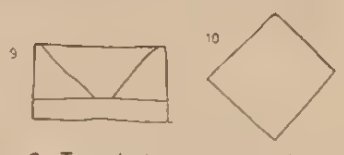
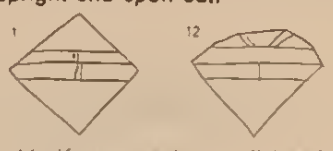
8. Fold remaining bottom bend up in half and half again, and tuck under.



9. Turn hat over and fold top peak down to tuck peak under folded bend.
10. With two hands hold hat upright end open out.



11. Keep opening until hat is flay on the table.
12. Again fold top peak down under the band.

13. Fold bottom peak up and under the band.
14. Turn hat 90 degrees end open up at the same time pushing down on inside forming a square box which will fit on your head.

Sump, the Grump By Jackie Holder

Little Hollywood Reports

By Su Fassell

PARK LIGHTING

Mike Moreland attended the Little Hollywood Association's April 12 meeting to introduce S.F. Park and Rec's proposal for lighting Little Hollywood Community Park. In March, the neighborhood group had asked Ron DeLeon of Park and Rec for a few improvements to the park to curb unlawful activity, including closure of the park at night and an increasing in perimeter lighting so it would no longer conceal undesirables.

Included io the proposal were: four lights along the curved path in the upper section; a light at each corner of the basketball court; and three lights along the curved path in the lower section with the lawn next to the play structure area. Estimated cost of the plan's 11 new lights is $49,238, with adjacent NORCAL willing to underwrite a portion of the expense.

Relative merits of ligting various areas of the park were discussed and agreed upon, with expection to the basketball court lighting. It was collectively felt the court is easily visible from the street, making additional lighting unnecessary for safety. A general consensus also agreed that lighting the court might make it a popular location for nighttime basketball games - an activity surrounding residents didn't want to encourage. Less lights would also significantly reduces the cost of the plan.

Members also discussed aiming some of the proposed lights at the park's wooded areas to eliminate hiding places. Further plan revisions are expected, with a final version awaiting the Association's before any new work is begun on lighting improvements along Tocoloma and Lathrop Aves. which border the park.

Little Hollywood Community Park is, in fact, officially designated to close at 10 p.m. Park and Rec is planning to post signs to that effect in the park, which will enable police to evict any rowdies that hour. Neighbors bothered by any activity in the park after 10 p.m. they believe is illegal are encouraged to report the problem to the police immediately by calling the Potrero Police Station at 533-1021. A simple act of vigilance can protect both park and neighborhood. It's important!

EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD.

Joining the May 10th meeting was a representative from CityPark, the company that charges motorists a fee to park their cars on land near adjacent to Candlestick Park. CityPark is planning to close Executive Park Blvd. - the road circling behind the office park - to all traffic during Candlestick events, converting it to more "parking lot" space during those times.

Motorists driving north on Highway 101 wishing to exit the freeway at the exit closest to Little Hollywood and Visitacion Valley would be seriously inconvenienced - as would anyone visiting them - solely because CityPark wants to make more money by taking over what is, in fact, a public thoroughfare.

Think about it! Does that seem reasonable? Little Hollywood Association members thought about it at the board meeting; and the more they thought about it, the more unreasonable it seemed. FUTURE MEETINGS

If you can't attend a meeting, but wish to express your concerns, find out what happened, make suggestions for guest speakers or topica for future meetings, please call the Little Hollywood Association - Don Bertone, President - at 467-9669. Our goal is to represent everyone, so please tell us what you think!

Little Hollywood meetings are always held the second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at the Korean Presbyterian Church, 120 Lathrop Ave.

Meeting schedule for the remainder of 1994 is: June 14; July 12; August 9; September 13; October 11 and November 8. There will be no December meeting.

Featured at the June 14 meeting will be a representative from Friends of the Urban Forest with details about a program to enhance neighborhoods like ours with trees - at oo cost to the residents!

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Another ongoing meeting to seriously consider attending is the monthly meeting of the Local Assessment Comittee. This group is overseeing the proposed expansion of the hazardoua waste facility literally in our backyard. Among other things, something as basic and important as the quality of the air you and your children breathe in the future is their concern.

Their work is gathering steam and it is becoming increasingly important that Little Hollywood residents get involved and voice their opinions on its expansion. Brisbane has prevented them from building it there. We can too, if enough of ua speak out! Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month, also at the Korean Presbyterian Chrch, 120 Lathrop Ave. at 7 p.m.

Applications Open For Female Artists

Applications are still open for participation in the 1994 Celebration of Craftswomen, the largest women's crafts fair in the United States, presented annually by the San Francisco Women's Building. This year's celebration takes place the weekends of December 3-4 and 10-1 at Fort Mason's Herbst Pavilion. Deadline for applications is June 10.

Artists may appear for one or both weekends of the fair. All applications are carefully reviewed by a jury, and work is judged on quality and originality.

Women of color are urged to apply. The theme for 1994 is "New and Emerging Artists."

Now in its 16th year, the Celebration of Craftswomen is a retail fair that attracted more than 15,000 holiday shoppers and craft connoisseurs in 1993, showcasing the artistry of 280 of the nation's most talented craftswomen.

For information and applications, interested artists can send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Celebration of Craftswomen, S.F. Women's Building, 3543 18th St., No. 8, San Francisco, CA 94110.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

1: Pat Boone (1934); Morgan Freeman (1937); Judy Garland (1922); Andy Griffith (1926); Lisa Hartman (1956); Seesue Hayakawa (1986); Hattie McDaniel (1895); Marilyn Monroe (1926); Robert Newton (1905); Brigham Young (1801)

2: Chuck Barris (1929); Dianna Canova (1953); Olympia Dukakis (1931); Charles Haid (1944); Thomas Hardy (1840); Hedda Hopper (1890); Sally Kellerman (1936); Stacy Keach (1941); Barry Levinson (1932); Lex Luger (1958); Jerry Mathers (1949); Audie Murphy (1924); Milo O'Shea (1926); Mike Todd (1907); Johnny Weissmuller (1904)

3: Josephine Baker (1906); Ellen Corby (1913); Tony Curtis (1925); Jefferson Davis (1808); Colleen Dewhurst (1926); Alan Edwards (1900); Allen Ginsberg (1921); Paulette Goddard (1911); Leo Gorcey (1915); Susan Hayward (1919); Curtis Mayfield (1942); Dorothy Stone (1905); Michael Whalen (1902)

4: Gene Barry (1922); John Barrymore, Jr. (1932); Bruce Dern (1936); Robert Merrill (1919); Rosalind Russell (1911); Parker Stevenson (1952); Eddie Velez (1958); Dennis Weaver (1924)

5: William Boyd (1998); Katherina Helmund (1933); Robert Lansing (1928); Bill Moyers (1934); Socrates (470 BC)

6: Gary "U.S." Bonds (1939); Bjorn Borg (1958); Dana Carvey (1955); David Dukes (1945); Robert Englund (1948); Nathan Hale (1755)

7: Rocky Graziano (1922); Vince Edwards (1929); Muhammad (570); Liam Neeson (1953); Kan Osmond (1943); Prince (1958); Jessica Tandy (1909)

9: Barbara Bush (1925); James Darren (1939); Don Grady (1944); George Kirby (1923); Robert Preston (1918); Joan Rivers (1933); Boz Scaggs (1944); Jerry Stiller (1929); Frank Lloyd Wright (1869)

9: Bob Cummings (1910); Nelson Eddy (1901); Michael J. Fox (1961); Cole Porter (1893); Dick Vitale (1940)

10: F. Lee Bailey (1933); Saul Bellow (1915); Judy Garland (1922)

11: Adrienne Barbeau (1945); Chad Everett (1936); Vince Lombardi (1913); Jackie Mason (1931); Joe Montana (1956); Richard Strauss (1864); Richard Todd (1919); Gene Wilder (1935)

12: Marv Albert (1943); Irwin Allen (1916); Samuel Arkoff (1919); George Bush (1924); Timothy Busfield (1957); Chic Corea (1941); Vic Damone (1929); Russell Hayden (1912); Priscilla Lane (1917); Jim Nabors (1932)

13: Chneto (1935); Ralph Edwards (1913); Ben Johnson (1919); Paul Lynde (1926); Malcolm McDowell (1943); Basil Rathbone (1892); Ally Sheedy (1962); Richard Thomas (1951)

14: Jack Bannon (1940); Gene Barry (1919); Maria Gibbs (1946); Boy George (1961); Burl Ives (1909); Gil Lamb (1906); Dorothy McGuire (1919); Pierre Salinger (1925); Harriet Beecher Stowe (1911)

15: Dusty Baker (1949); Ethel Barrymore (1979); Jim Belushi (1954); Mario Cuomo (1932); Neil Patrick Harris (1973); Helen Hunt (1963); Waylon Jennings (1937); Harry Langdon (1884); Jim Varney (1949)

16: Jack Albertson (1910); Crash Craddock (1940); Roberto Duran (1951); Katharine Graham (1917); Stan Laurel (1990); Joan Van Ark (1943)

17: Ralph Bellamy (1904); James Brown (1929); John Hersey (1917); Peter Lupus (1937); Barry Manilow (1946); Dean Martin (1917); Grant Mitchell (1975); Joe Piscopo (1951); Igor Stravinsky (1862)

19: Sammy Cahn (1913); Ian Carmichael (1920); Bud Collyer (1909); Roger Ebert (1942); Keye Luke (1904); E.G. Marshall (1910); Paul McCartney (1942); Isabella Rossellini (1952)

19: Paula Abdul (1962); Pat Buttram (1917); Lou Gehrig (1903); Moe Howard (1997); Louis Jourdan (1920); Guy Lombardo (1902); Mildred Natwick (1908); Kathleen Turner (1954)

20: Danny Aiello (1933); Errol Flynn (1909); John Goodman (1953); Martin Landau (1934); Cindy Lauper (1953); Anne Murray (1945); Lional Richie (1950)

21: Meredith Baxter (1947); Ron Ely (1938); Michael Gross (1947); Judy Holliday (1921); Bernie Kopell (1933); Jane Russell (1921); Maureen Stapleton (1925)

22: Bill Blass (1922); Ed Bradley (1941); Dianne Feinstein (1933); Kris Kristofferson (1936); Mary Livingston (1906); Freddie Prinze (1954); Meryl Streep (1949); Lindsay Wagner (1949); Ralph Waite (1929); Billy Wilder (1906)

23: June Carter Cash (1929); James Levine (1940); Wilma Rudolph (1940)

24: Nancy Allen (1949); Jack Carter (1923); Billy Casper (1931); Jack Dempsey (1895); Phyllis George (1949); Michelle Lee (1942); Al Molinaro (1919)

25: June Lockhart (1925); George Michael (1963); Carly Simon (1945); Jimmie Walker (1948)

26: Pearl Buck (1992); Peter Lorre (1904); George Michael (1963); Elanor Parker (1922)

27: Bruce Babbitt (1938); Julia Duffy (1951); Helen Keller (1880); Bob 'Captain Kangaroo' Keeshan (1927); Rose Perot (1930)

28: Kathy Bates (1948); Mel Brooks (1926); John Cusack (1966); Bruce Davison (1946); Lester Flatt (1914); Mart Stuart Mastarson (1866); Polly Moran (1883); Pat Morita (1932); Gilda Radner (1946); Lorenzo Tucker (1907)

29: Gary Busey (1944); Joan Davis (1907); Elizabeth Dole (1936); Robert Evans (1930); Richard Lewis (1947); Slim Pickens (1919); Ruth Warrick (1915)

30: Susan Hayward (1919); Lana Horne (1919); Tony Musante (1936); Buddy Rich (1917); Mike Tyson (1966)

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Spaying prevents problems associated with pregnancies and eliminates the frantic pacing, crying and roaming of a cat in heat.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 554-3086.

Grapevine Crossword

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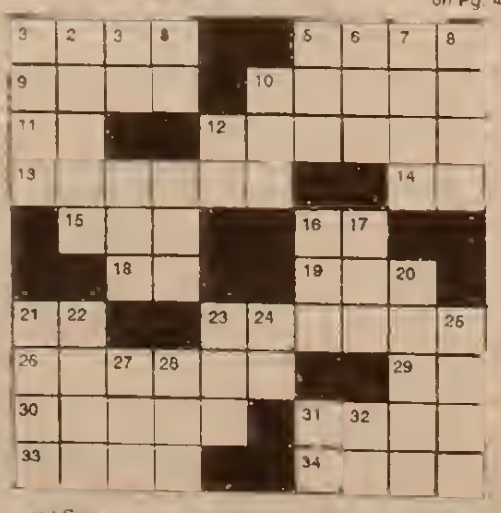

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14. Montana (ab)
15. Listen
19. Radium (ab)
19. Degree
19. Deer
21. Reference (ab)
23. Current
26. Shuns
29. Two year degree
30. Barrier
31. Secure
33. Elm
34. Unreal

DOWN
1. Rank
2. Delete
3. Southeast (ab)
4. 11 across
5. Auto
6. Metal
7. Article
8. Neighborhood emergency team
10. House Adminstrator and Executor (ab)
12. Connecticut (ab)
19. Recreation (ab)
17. Lager
20. Skill
21. Vessel
22. Always
23. Rural delivery express (ab)
24. Einsteinium
26. Remove
27. Single
28. Frozen water
31. Low Frequency
32. On Account (ab)

Alaska Sea Otters

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number of protective regulations. One added a requirement that Native handicrafts could be considered authentic only if they were "commonly produced" by natives "on or before December 21, 1972," a regulation intended to provide a criteria by which to judge a "traditional" handicraft.

In the summer of 1985, FWS agents raided a store in Seattle and seized several articles that had been made by an Alaska Native woman named Marina Katelnikoff Beck. Items included: teddy bears, hats, mittens, and fur flowers, and all were made from the pelts of sea otters that she and her father had killed. Wildlife authorities confiscated them because they did not believe they were "traditional" native items commonly made before 1972. Although Beck sued the federal government in hopes of changing the rule, a district court upheld the regulation the following year.

Another Alaska Native challenging the rule claimed the wording was too vague, forcing FWS to eventually review and ammend its regualtion to read: "No handicraft trade using sea otters by Alaska Natives was in existence prior to passage of the Act that would allow the utilization of sea otters under the handicraft exception."

But what looked and sounded like a good step for the sea otters soon proved to be disasterous. In September 1991, a district court ruled that the regualtions were ivalid because of inconsistency with the MMPA. In this convuluted process, both old and new language was lost, compelling the Alaska Wildlife Alliance (AWA) and other groups to appealed the decision. They lost!

SLAUGHTER ESCALATES

Since then, slaughter of sea otters has increased dramatically. More than 1,000 were killed in 1993 alone, with the situation worsened by Alaska Natives attempting to develop new markets for otter fur and parts. In fact, many are attempting to bypass the intention of the MMPA by minimally altering pelts and exporting them as handicrafts - when they are really little more than raw pelts.

Along with the Beck case dramatically worsening sea otter numbers in Alaska, the MMPA, a bill originally intended to protect marine mammals, is now being used as a vehicle to further their commercial exploitation. Some nativies are inventing new "minimally altered" handicrafts which are altered so minimally that their exportation is virtually the same as that of raw pelts. AWA obtained documents through the Freedom of Information Act dealing with Natives' attempts to locate markets for these crafts. One paper described a work being little more than two sea otter pelts sewn together, and reading: "Bottom ends of sea otter will be sewn together. This is what we will call a blanket. The sewing can be pulled apart easily."

Following recommendations advanced by the AWA and Friends of Animals regarding the April reauthorization of the Marine Mammal Protection Act emphasize it is very important to stand up for marine mammals on the issue of Native exemption, while clearly defining ambiguous language in relation to the subsistence "take." They include:

* Mandating a reduction in the rate of incidental take to a level approaching zero with a restoration of populations to their historic levels;
* Protecting key marine mammal habitats;
* Defining: necessities of life; authentic traditonal Native handicrafts; the phrase "significantly altered;" and the prohibited methods of mass production with respect to the exempt subsistence take;
* Providing FWS with authority to regulate subsistence take to meet only true subsistence needs;
* Defining "wasteful take," while regulating and enforcing wasteful take prohibitions; and
* Prohibiting the sale of marine mammal parts as food items.

Action Line, the Friends of Animals magazine

S.F. Women Against Rape

Help sisters in your community heal from the devastaton of rape. San Francisco Women Against Rape will hold a Rape Counselor Training for Women of Color Only in June. For more information, call Jamie or Andrea at 861-2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing in Room 282, City Hall, at 9:00 a.m. on June 17, 1994 to consider the proposed issuance of a permit to Tuntex Properties, Inc., for the purpose of discharging treated groundwater into the City's sewerage system.

Project Description

Tuntex Properties now owns the properties that used to be the Southern Pacific Railroad Yard located between Tunnel Avenue and Bayshore Boulevard, and from the City of San Francisco line south into the City of Brisbane. Because the land was used previously by other industries, the soil has been contaminated with some industrial chemicals, primarily a solvent called trichloroethylene, or TCE. The chemicals have migrated down into the soil and mixed with the groundwater. This has occured at the northern end of the project near the City Line. The State of California has issued an order to Tuntex directing them to clean up the contaminated groundwater. Tuntex propoves to clean up the groundwater by installing a treatment system on the site to remove most of the TCE and other chemicals, and then discharge the treated water to the City's sewerage system where it will undergo further treatment at the City's treatment plant before discharge to the Bay. To discharge into the City's system, a wastewater discharge permit needs to be issued to Tuntex by the City. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the issuance of this permit.

The State has done preliminary studies on the groundwater treatment, and has issued a statement declaring the project will have no significant environmental impact (negative declaration). Tuntex has also applied for a wastewater discharge permit from the State that would allow them to discharge the treated groundwater directly into the Bay.

GRAPEVINE WANT-ADS

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June 1994

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 *June is National Dairy Month* 6.30pm Valleywide Parents' Council	2 11 00am VVCC Senior Council Meeting 7.00pm ROSES meeting	3 7:30pm Visitacion Valley Asivn Residents' Assn 8 00pm Valley Baptist Youth Group	4
5 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	6 *National Yo-Yo Day*	7	8 6:00pm Executive Park Advisory Committee-open to all	9	10 8 00pm Valley Baptist Youth Group	11
12 1 00pm VVCC Bingo	13	14 Flag Day 7 00pm VVCC Board Meeting 4 00pm Sunnydale Tenants Mtg 7 00pm El Dorado N.B.C. Meeting	15	16	17 8 00pm Valley Baptist Youth Group	18
19 Juneteenth *Father's Day* 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	20	21 *Summer begins*	22	23	24 3 00pm Visitacion Valley Improvement Club 8 00pm Valley Baptist Youth Group	25
26 1 00pm VVCC Bingo	27	28	29	30 USDA Food Distribution at VVCC		

CALENDAR ITEMS ON SIDEWALK UPDATE ARE DUE BY 20TH OF THIS MONTH.

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Activities and Concerts At Exploratorium

In colleboration with the 1994 national convention of the Brewster Society - an organization of kaleidoscope collectors and connoisseurs - held in San Francisco this month, the Exploratorium presents an entire weekend dedicated to the color and creativity behind kaleidoscopes from June 10 to 12.

Activities will take place under the museum skylights to help explain some of the phenomena of kaleidoscope art. They include working on a lathe; kaleidoscope construction with artist John Culver; marble-making; and mandala creation; along with a series of lectures and video presentations in the Exploratorium's McBean Theater.

In two special Sunday afternoon concerts in the McBean Theater, presented as part of the Exploratorium's Vox Mundi (World Voice) Celebration, the Santa Rosa Children's Choir will perform classical and popular songs June 12 at 2 p.m., and the 4 Him children's group will perform a program of contemporary gospel songs Sunday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m. These concerts, for and by kids, are part of Interactive Sound Studio, the Exploratorium's festival of sound and music through September 5.

Both kaleidoscope and children's choir events are free with Exploratorium admission: $8 for adults; $6 for seniors; $4 for youth ages 6 to 17 and free to children under age 6.

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY EXPANSION
ON TUNNEL AVENUE

Regular Meeting, June 7, 1994 at 7 p.m.
Sanitary Fill Company Cafeteria
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Review of existing hazardous waste operations - what is proposed to change?
Health Risk Assessment presentation
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Food Biotechnology and Consumer Choices

Last november, more than 50 experts gathered in Chicago to discuss the significance of biotechnology in improving the food supply. Hosted by the International Information Food Council, "Food Biotechnology: Focus on Consumer Choices" convened leaders in nutrition, health, agriculture, environment, food science and other areas to discuss the many benefits consumers can expect from genetically modified foods.

BETTER NUTRITION

A healthier french fry? Biotechnology research has uncovered a way to increase the starch content of potatoes. The extra starch means there's less water to be replaced by oil when the potato is fried. So french fries and potato chips made from these high-starch potatoes will have less oil than those available today.

Improving the quality and quantity of proteins in vegetables and grains is a high priority, according to Roger Beachy, director of plant biology at Scripps Research Institute and keynote speaker. For example, researchers have found a way to increase the amount of lysine, the amino acid in rice. Making such rice available in China will hopefully decrease lysine deficiency, a common cause of childhood blindness.

"The work being done in biotechnology will be the key to increasing access to better tasting and more nutritious foods around the world," said Nancy Schwartz, director of the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics of the American Dietetic Association (ADA). In 1992, the ADA adopted a position recognizing biotechnology's potential to improve the food supply.

FOOD PRODUCT QUALITY

Better taste, texture and color have also been long-standing goals of food producers.

"Food scientists are excited about biotechnology because it will help them do the same things they've always strived to do, but with more selectivity and predictability," said Rosetta Newsome, director of science affairs at the Institute of Food Technologists.

Many consumers have already heard about genetically modified tomatoes that soften more slowly, allowing for more time on the vine to increase their natural flavor and color. The techniques making tastier tomatoes possible can also be applied to other fruits and vegetables such as broccoli, raspberries and melons, which will extend their flavor and availability to millions of consumers nationwide.

GREENING OF AGRICULTURE

Ann Sorensen, director of the American Farmland Trust, spends a lot of time helping today's farmers work in harmony with the environment. According to Sorensen, 28 percent of the U.S. field tests on genetically-modified plants are for herbicide tolerance. Herbicide-tolerant plants can withstand the application of herbicides even after they have begun to grow.

Today, in order to protect against possible insect or viral infestation, many farmers must spray at the beginning of each season, before the seeds grow into the crops that would be killed by the herbicide.

While it has been suggested that the availability of herbicide-resistant plants could increase the use of herbicides, Soresen believes the reverse is true. "Planting an herbicide-tolerant variety does not mean farmers must use an herbicide, but instead gives them the choice of not using it," he said. "Farmers can wait to see it they actually have a problem and only then use the herbicide to treat it, without damaging the crop."

Some 37 percent of the other field tests involve plants that have been genetically modified to improve resistance to viruses and insects, which are major threats to crop yield. For example, as much as four-fifths of U.S. squash crops are lost to viruses, despite pesticide application. Biotechnology research has produced a viral-resistant variety of crookneck squash. Farmers will no longer have to sow five acres of squash for every one acre harvested. This will translate into reduced chemical use as well as conservation of water, land, fertilizer and other inputs necessary to grow food.

"Biotechnology can fit very well into the 'greening of agriculture,'" Sorensen added. "The trend for farm programs is to offer incentives for farmers to become environmental stewards and that trend will certainly continue. Biotechnology could play a large role in helping farmers reach that goal."

One question about genetically-modified plants that can naturally fend off insects is whether the insects will eventually develop resistance to the plants. Researchers have carefully considered this potential problem, which also occurs with traditional plant breeding. Using methods that have long been a part of farming - such as crop rotation, whereby different crops are grown in fields each year - the insects have less opportunity to develop resistance.

Roundtable participants also discussed how to provide consumers with sound information on food biotechnology through as many sources as possible. Then, when the products of food biotechnology become available, consumers will be able to make informed food choices. Having a thorough understanding of both the risks and benefits of biotechnology will be the key.

International Food Information Council

Summer Festival Days Around Bay Area

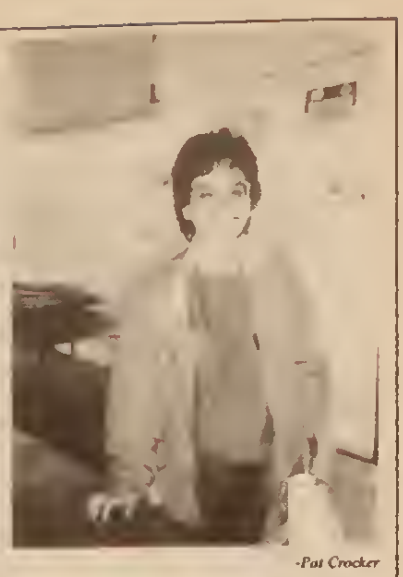
Make*A*Circus sets sail with its 21st season of participatory circus fun for all ages when its presents free Summer Festival Days in parks around the Bay Area from June 18 to July 18. This first 1994 Bay Area tour includes shows in East Palo Alto, Oakland, San Francisco, San Mateo, Daly City and South San Francisco. Featured will be a free Circus Skills Workshop for all ages with juggling, clowning, stiltwalking and acrobatics.

This year's Make*A*Circus presents two seafaring shows: one atop the waves and the other in the ocean depths. In "Pirates!," the circus is captured by a swarthy buccaneer and his mates in a comic caper that challenges somes myths about the glamour of gang membership. In "Water World," a greedy developer plans an underwater theme park, and the entire undersea world - new stars from the audience - must work together to stop him.

For further information and a schedule of upcoming shows, call 776-8470 or write: Make*A*Circus, Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco, CA 94123.

Elizabeth

By Pat Crocker



-Pat Crocker

Elizabeth at VVCC Senior Center.

Born in Hong Kong on December 30, 1953, Elizabeth attended Catholic schools run by American nuns. With only two large universities in her native city, she came to America and attended a year of college in West Virginia before two years at Fresno State and a completion of her internship at Loma Linda, graduating with a degree in Dietetics.

Coming to San Francisco in 1977 with her college diploma, Elizabeth now wanted to find a man! She married Fred Jang two years later and they resided in Visatacion Valley on Wabash Terrace. In 1981, their son, Nick - now 12 - was born. Tim, their second child who was born at home, is 11.

By 1986, the Jang family had moved to Daly City where Elizabeth's education and experience with nutrition contributed to her expertise as both homemaker and gardener. She has been an active PTA member and steady volunteer since her sons began school.

Employed as a teaching aid, Elizabeth has worked mostly with Chinese-speaking children new to this country. In her current position with the S.F. Commission on the Aging, she now works part-time as a Chinese-English translator at the Visitacion Valley Community Center, interpreting Chinese-English dialogue primarily with senior citizens.

"Everyone here loves Elizabeth ... her smile, her knowledge, her patience," said VVCC Senior Program Director Pat Crocker.

"Elizabeth is sure a big help around here," added Service Coordinator Gail Audrey of her often-queried co-worker. "After all these years, old questions are finally being answered."

If you have any questions or need assistance from Elizabeth, please call 467-4499 and leave a message.

Valley Task Force Meets

Following a successful meeting at St. James Presbyterian Church, members of the Visitacion Valley Task Force held a follow-up gathering May 22 at the Community Center where ideas in making positive neighborhood changes were further discussed.

Conducted through the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, Task Force members recently began circulating thorough community surveys printed in both English and Chinese to acquire local residents' views on: job training, employment, housing, youth programs, crime and safety.

Nearly half of the survey questions concern crime and safety issues, with opinions sought on personal experiences and police services. Quite noticeable is a repeated question in several crime categories: "If you didn't report this incident, please tell us why. This is very important information!"

"We're trying to get people to respond," said Task Force member Marlene Tran of the confidential surveys she stressed were essential for compiling necessary information to assist the group's understanding of in-depth community needs.

Sun-Reporter Turns 50

In a gala celebration, the San Francisco Sun-Reporter celebrated both its 50th anniversary and the 80th birthday of publisher Dr. Carlton Goodlett May 21 at the Fairmont Hotel.

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